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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN MEDIA ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

REPORTS RELATED TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION CONTINUE
TO DOMINATE THE FRONT PAGES OF THE TWO ZAMBIAN NEWSPAPERS
TODAY.

BOTH THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA AND THE ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL CARRY
REPORTS OF ZAMBIA S HEAD OF STATE, KENNETH KAUNDA S PROGRESS
OF HIS WEST EUROPEAN TOUR FROM THEIR OWN WRITERS ON THE
PRESIDENTIAL PLANE.

ACCORDING TO THE MAIL, THE ZAMBIAN LEADER SENT OUT A
CALL FOR RHODSIAN NATIONALIST LEADER, BISHOP ABEL
MUZOREWA TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ALLIANCE
OF FELLOW RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS, JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT
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MUGABE.

SPEAKING IN MALTA SHORTLY BEFORE HE LEFT THAT ISLAND AT
THE EN OF IS VIST THERE, THE MAIL QUOTED DR. KAUNDA
AS SAYING THAT THE "GOODBISHOP" MUST BE ADVISED TO STOP
TALKING AND JOIN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WHICH IS NOW WAGING
AN ARMED STRUGGLE WHICH, HE SAID, IS NOW SWEEPING THE

BREAKAWAY CLONY LIKE BUSHFIRE.

THE NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTS THE PRESIDENT AS SAYING THE
FRONTLINE STATES NO LONGER PLACED MUCH HOPE ON PEACEFUL
NEGOTIATIONS TO END THE REBELLION IN RHODESIA.

THE MAIL ALSO CARRIES A FRONT PAGE REPORT QUOTING SWAPO
PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA AS SAYING IN LUSAKA TUESDAY THAT
HIS ORGANIZATION IS TO STEP UP THE QUERRILLA WAR AGAINST
THE WHITE ADMINISTRATION ILLEGALLY OCCUPYING NAMIBIA.

THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE WAR IS IN RESPONSE TO THE
HANGING OF A FREEDOM FIGHTER, MR. PHILEMON NONGOLO BY
THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT EARLY THIS WEEK.

THE MAIL REPORTS THAT MR. NUJOMA VOWED THAT SWAPO
WOULD NOW ADOPT A "TOOTH-FOR-TOOTH AND BULLET-FOR-
BULLET" STRATEGY AND THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
HANGING OF "INNOCENT" NAMIBIAN WOULD BE PUNISHED.

ACCORDING TO THE MAIL REPORT, THE SWAPO LEADER ALSO
RULED OUT THE QUESTION OF SEEKING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
IN NAMIBIA INCLUDING THE CURRENT EFFORTS BY THE WESTERN
COUNTRIES - BRITAIN, FRANCE, UNITED STATES, WEST GERMANY
AND CANADA - TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, WERE ALSO OUT.

BOTH PAPERS ALSO CARRY AGENCY REPORTS THAT MORE THAN 100
ANGOLANS INCLUDING THE DEPUTY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, HAVE
BEEN DETAINED IN LUANDA FOLLOWING LAST FRIDAY'S ABORTIVE
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